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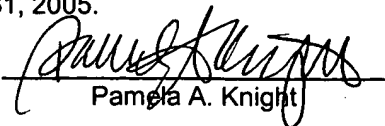
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Applicant received a Notice of Allowance dated February 28, 2005 on the above-identified patent application. In the Notice, the Examiner allowed claims 4-9 and 19-31. The Examiner also paraphrased applicant's claimed invention as part of the stated reasons for allowance. Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding the patentability of the allowed claims, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, applicant believes that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach or suggest the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

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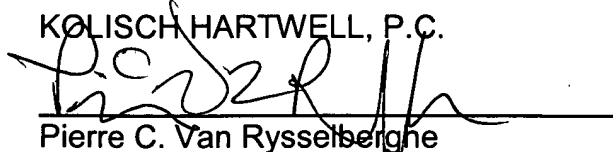
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